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Patent No.: 6,899,105 Docket No.: 13033.0011US01  
Issue Date: MAY 31, 2005 Patentee: KRUEGER ET AL.  
Title: AIRWAY IMPLANT CARTRIDGE AND KIT

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN EXPIRED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c))**

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee for U.S. Patent 6,899,105. The maintenance fee was due on November 30, 2008. The sixth month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) expired on May 31, 2009.

This petition is being filed within twenty-four (24) months after the six month grace period provided in § 1.362(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c).

The delay in paying the maintenance fee for this patent was unintentional.

The large-entity maintenance fee of \$980.00 for 3 1/2 years is enclosed. Also enclosed is the surcharge fee of \$1,640.00 under § 1.20(i)(2) for surcharge after expiration - late payment is unintentional.

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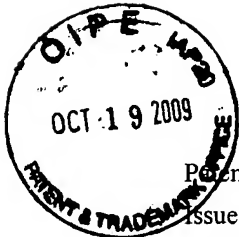


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